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CENTRAL SCOTLAND POLICE
FORCE POLICY GROUP
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15 MAR 10 ITEM 1.	ATTENDEES	<p>Present: CC Smith, DCC MacLeod, Mr Noble, Mr Walker, CS Samson, CS MacKenzie, Mr Shearer.</p> <p>In Attendance: Ms Inglis (minutes).</p> <p>Apologies: ACC Mauger.</p>	
15 MAR 10 ITEM 2.	POLICING MOUNTAIN RESCUE	<p><i>(Paper carried forward from main FPG meeting 5/3/10.</i></p> <p>The paper sought to offer a more formal structure for the operation of mountain rescue activities with the Central Scotland area, including a change in status for police officers engaged in mountain rescue from 'off duty' to 'on duty'.</p> <p>The Police Federations' support of the recommendations within the paper was noted.</p> <p>The paper outlined a number of recommendations and decisions which were agreed:-</p> <p>Decision 1 That the Callander Community Sergeant reporting via the Dunblane SAC will act as Force Lead Officer & Co ordinator for the topic.</p> <p>Decision 2 That the Force will set in place a formal application process whereby 3 and no more than 5 police officers within each of the 3 local MRCofS Teams are regarded as undertaking mountain rescue activity and training as 'on duty' activities.</p> <p>Decision 3 That within 3 months the Callander Community Sergeant (Force Lead Officer for Mountain</p>	

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		<p>Rescue) will prepare a role specification that details the application process, including first approval from the host team, necessary medical examination and expected commitment from applicants.</p> <p>Decision 4 That officers who do not wish to be regarded as on duty (and instead that it be outwith the police or have not been approved by the Force as on duty); and also police support staff and Special Constables; will be, within the exigencies of duty, afforded time off to participate in mountain rescues and key training sessions.</p> <p>Decision 5 That the present title of 'Missing Person Search Manager' be changed immediately to 'Missing Person Search Advisor'.</p> <p>Decision 6 That whenever a police officer is called on to assist in the management of either a search or a rescue by CSP it will be deemed as a 'duty'.</p> <p>Decision 7 That local Sergeants & Inspectors will assume management responsibility for pertinent outdoor searches; that the author will ensure that such responsibility is made clear within a new Force Mountain Rescue procedure document that this procedure will be delivered within 2 months.</p> <p>Decision 8 That nominated lead officers will ensure search management training, relating to the outdoors, is developed and delivered jointly to MPSAs and Mountain Rescue Team Search Managers biannually or annually, should there be a need. It was agreed that the nominated lead officer will be CI Kevin Findlater.</p> <p>Decision 9 That the appropriate lead officer will, within 6 months of a decision, ensure that a suitable 'Missing Person Search Management in the Outdoors' familiarisation package is available for inclusion within the Force CPDP.</p>	

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		<p>Decision 10 That the budget allocation for mountain rescue will be increased to £15,000 in the 1st and 2nd years of the formalisation of police within mountain rescue, this to be reviewed ahead of the 3rd year.</p> <p>Decision 11 That Area Commands will continue to be billed with the travel costs of SARDA handlers and catering for volunteers, and that nominated lead officers will be responsible for managing this process.</p> <p>Thanks were noted to CI Findlater for the preparation of the paper.</p>	
<p>15 MAR 10 ITEM 3.</p>	<p>CHARGING PARTNER AGENCIES FOR THE USE OF POLICE CELLS</p>	<p>The letter highlighted the current practice of charging, where appropriate, partner agencies for the use of police cells. Following discussion, it was agreed that the current charging regime should continue except in the circumstances where the partner agency has been tasked by the force or through the Scottish Tactical Tasking & Co ordinating Group process.</p> <p>Supt Flynn to be tasked with clarifying current practices with OPBA and to prepare a letter of reply to ACC Wilson, Tayside Police in this regard.</p> <p>ACTION: Supt Flynn to clarify current practices in regard to charging partner agencies for the use of police cells and to prepare a letter of reply to ACC Wilson, Tayside Police.</p>	<p>CS MacKenzie / Supt Flynn</p>

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